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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER)

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1. HERewith FULL TEXT JEREMIAH O'LEARY ARTICLE, TUESDAY, MAY 7, WASHINGTON STAR NEWS HEADLINED "GUARDINGKISSINGER, A TOUGH JOB FOR TOUGH MEN."
2. THE NAMES AND NUMBERS OF SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER'S FOREIGN TRAVEL BODYGUARD OF SECRET SERVICE AGENTS HAVE BEEN ALTERED FOR SECURITY REASONS. OTHERWISE, THIS IS A FAITHFUL ACCOUNT OF WHAT THEY DO TO PROTECT HIM.
3. AMMAN, JORDAN-ABOUT 10 MINUTES BEFORE SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER'S BIG WHITE HOUSE JET LANDS ANYWHERE IN THE VOLATILE MIDDLE EAST, SIX SECRET SERVICE AGENTS METHODICALLY BEGIN PUTTING ON THEIR EQUIPMENT FOR GUARDING HIM AGAINST ANY HARM WHEN HE STEPS INTO THE OPEN FROM THE SAVNCTUARY OF SPECIAL AIR MISSION PLANE NO. 86970.
4. THEY ARE A CROSS SECTION OF AMERICAN MEN EXCEPT THAT THEY ARE IN FAR BETTER PHYSICAL CONDITION THAN MOST AND DEDICATED TO PROTECT-

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ING THE MAN ON WHOM THE PEACE OF THE MIDDLE EAST HINGES.

5. MIKE IS A STOCKY YOUNG ITALIAN-AMERICAN WHO WEARS A PERMANENT GOOD-NATURED SMILE EXCEPT WHEN THE SECRETARY IS IN A CROWD.

6. WALLY IS BARREL-CHESTED AND BALDING, CONFIDENT AS A FRONTIER SHERIFF AND PATCHED-UP AS AN NFL PASS-DEFENDER.

7. HAL HAS LONG SIDEBURNS AND TH "COOL" OF A RIVERBOAT GAMBLER.

8. JACK, THE SUPERVISOR, IS CLASSIC BOSTON IRISH, COMPLETE WITH RED HAIR, SOLID INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE MASS CAN BE ATTENDED ON SUNDAY ALMOST ANYWHERE AND ENCYCLOMERIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE CELTS.

9. THERE ARE OTHERS, ON THE PLANE AND WAITING ON THE GROUND, WHEN KISSINGER IS ABOUT TO LAND.

10. ONE IS A BLACK WITH A FORMIDABLE AFRO AND ONE LOOKS LIKE JOHN DEAN'S TWIN BROTHER.

11. THEY HAVE A SORT OF UNIFORM AND DEMEANOR THAT MAKES THEM OBVIOUS TO ANYONE WHO PAYS ATTENTION. THEY WEAR TOPCOATS IN "HOT" COUNTRIES, THE BETTER TO CONCEAL THE STUBBY ISRAELI-MADE UZI SUBMACHINE GUNS SLUNG UNDER THEIR SHOOTING ARMS.

12. THEY WEAR DISTINCTIVE LAPEL PINS FOR INSTANT RECOGNITION TO THE SECURITY MEN OF OTHER NATIONS.

13. THEIR WALKIE-TALKIE RADIO RECEIVERS RESEMBLING HEARING AIDS AND MICROPHONES THAT COULD BE CONCEALED IN A THIMBLE.

14. THEIR WALKIE-TALKIE RADIOS, IN COMMUNICATION WITH A COMMAND CENTER ON THE GROUND, ARE ATTACHED TO THEIR BELTS ON ONE SIDE.

15. THEY ALL WEAR HIP-HOLSTERED .38 CALIBER PISTOLS AND SOMETIMES IN A TICKLISH COUNTRY, BULLET PROOF VESTS ARE DONNED. SPARE BULLETS FOR THE PISTOLS ARE CARRIED ON THEIR BELTS.

16. THEY CARRY VARIOUS OTHER WEAPONS IN A VARIETY OF ATTACHE CASES, FISHING TACKLE BOXES AND AIRLINE FLIGHT BAGS.

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17. AT EVERY STOP THEY LINE UP AT THE REAR EXIT OF THE AIRCRAFT AS SOON AS IT LANDS. THEY ALWAYS GET OFF FIRST.

18. WALLY'S JOB IS TO SIGNAL THE OTHER AGENTS FROM THE TAXIWAY AND HE DOES IT WITH ECONOMY OF WORDS:

19. "EPSTEIN. DANDELION 970. WE HAVE A WHEELS DOWN AT 53," HE BARKS INTO THE RADIO TELEPHONE BY THE REAR EXIT.

20. TRANSLATION: EPSTEIN IS IN CHARGE OF THE AGENTS ON THE GROUND AT THE AIRPORT. DANDELION IS KISSINGER (HIS CODE NAME ACTUALLY IS ANOTHER WORD). 970 IDENTIFIES THE AIRPLANE. THE WHEELS TOUCHED GROUND AT 53 MINUTES AFTER THE HOUR.

21. THE AIRBORNE AGENTS NEVER LOOK AT THE SECRETARY AS HE IS DESCENDING THE RAMP, GREETING DIGNITARIES OR WALKING TO THE WAITING FLEET OF CARS.

22. THEIR EYES ROVE OVER THE CROWD, LIKE ROTATING BEACONS. THEY WATCH WINDOWS, ROOFS, FACES, THE EVER-PRESENT THROG OF JOSTLING CAMERAMEN AND ANY SPECTATORS WHO HAVE BEEN ALLOWED NEAR THE RAMP.

23. NEWSMEN TRAVELING WITH KISSINGER KNOW WHEN SUSPICION OF DANGER HEIGHTENS.

24. ON THIS CURRNET TRIP, THEY KNEW IT WHEN THE SECRET SERVICE PRODUCED NOT ONE, BUT TWO OF THE ARMORED LIMOUSINES THAT ARE NORMALLY KEPT IN WASHINGTON. THEY WERE FLOWN TO THE MIDEAST BY THE AIR FORCE FOR USE IN JERUSALEM AND DAMASCUS, CITIES RIFE WITH ARAB AND ISRAELI FIRE-BRANDS.

25. SOMETIMES, IT IS EVEN EASIER TO SMELL DANGER. IN ALGIERS, THE AGENTS UNLIMBERED THEIR AUTOMATIC WEAPONS LAST WINTER AND THRUST THE MUZZLES OUT OF THEIR CAR WINDOWS ON THE LONG DRIVE INTO THE CITY.

26. THE IRONY THAT THE WEAPONS WERE ISRAELI MADE WAS NOT LOST ON THE COGNOSCENTI.

27. IN DAMASCUS, THERE WAS A THREAT TO KILL KISSINGER WHEN HE VISITED THE GREAT OMAYYAD MOSQUE, AND THE SECRET SERVICE CANCELLED

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THE VISIT AND TOOK HIM TO THE AIRPORT BY A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE.

28. ON A VISIT TO LEBANON, THE THREAT OF DANGER WAS CONSIDERED SO GREAT THAT THE SECRET SERVICE REFUSED TO PERMIT KISSINGER TO LAND AT BEIRUT WHERE DEMONSTRATORS WERE ASSEMBLING.

29. INSTEAD, THE ENTIRE FOUR-HOUR VISIT WAS DIVERTED TO AN AUXILIARY AIR BASE NEAR THE RUINS OF BIBLICAL BAALBEK.

30. HAL SAID MOST OF THE KISSINGER DETAIL IS MADE UP OF MARRIED MEN BETWEEN THE MID-TWENTIES AND EARLY FORTIES.

31. THEY ARE PROUD, WELL-TRAINED MEN, HE SAID, WHO HAVE COMPULSORY PHYSICAL AND FIREARMS TRAINING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

32. MOST OF THEM ARE PHILOSOPHICAL ABOUT THE FREQUENCY OF KISSINGER'S TRIPS AND THEY SAY THEIR FAMILIES ACCEPT IT.

33. THE ADVANCE MEN OF THE KISSINGER TRAVEL DETAIL DO A LOT OF LEAP-FROGGING BECAUSE THE SECRETARY OFTEN MANAGES TO PAY OFFICIAL VISITS TO THREE NATIONS IN A SINGLE DAY.

34. THE DETAIL ON THE GROUND AT GENEVA ON THE CURRENT TRIP GOT THERE SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE KISSINGER TO WORK OUT ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES FOR HIS SAFETY.

35. THE GROUP FLEW AHEAD TO THE THIRD STOP IN EGYPT, WHILE ANOTHER DETAIL PRECEDED KISSINGER TO STOP NO. 2 IN ALGERIA.

36. A TYPICAL ARRANGEMENT WOULD HAVE THE ALGERIAN DETAIL GO AHEAD TO ISRAEL WITH THE EGYPTIAN DETAIL SKIPPING ON TO DAMASCUS.

37. THE WORK IS HARD BUT SOME OF THE AGENTS SAY IT BEATS CLERKING AT THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

38. THEY HAVE TO OPEN ALL LUGGAGE GOING ON AND OFF THE PLANE IN SEARCH OF HIDDEN EXPLOSIVES. THEY CHECK THE HAND BAGGAGE OF ALL BUT THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE KISSINGER PARTY AT EVERY EMBARKATION. AND THEY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM FANATIC SNIPERS TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOMEONE MIGHT LAUNCH A SHOULDER-MOUNTED ROCKET AT THE PLANE ON LANDING AND TAKE-OFF.

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39. THE MOST RELAXING MOMENT OF EVERY STOP IN THE KISSINGER HEGIRA COMES WHEN THE LAST DIPLOMATIC FAREWELLS HAVE BEEN SAID AND NO. 88970 LUMBERS DOWN THE RUNWAY ON TAKE-OFF. THAT IS WHEN WALLY GRINS WITH SATISFACTION AND CALLES INTO THE RADIOPHONE:

40. "DANDELION. WE HAVE A WHEELS-UP AT 32. OUT." (END TEXT)
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